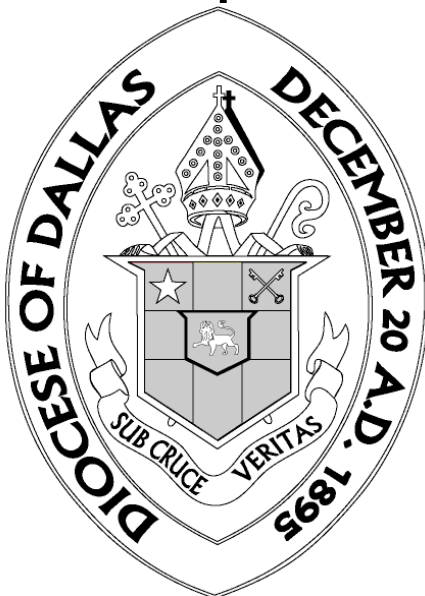


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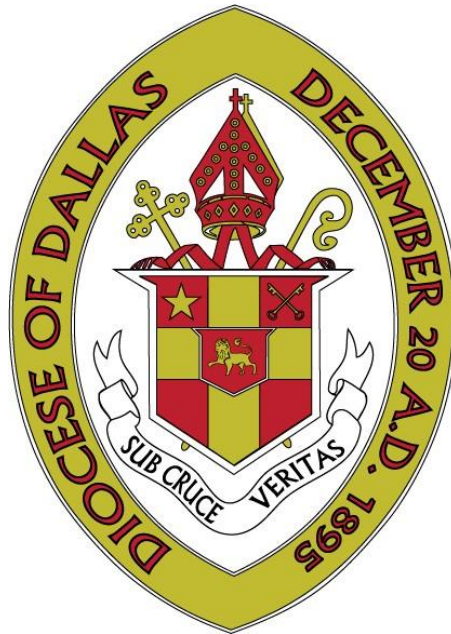
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Archdeacon	The Rev. Canon DAVID PETRASH
Canon for Evangelism	The Rev. Canon JORDAN HYLDEN
Canon for Rural Ministries	The Rev. Canon VICTOR AUSTIN
Canon Pastor	KIMBERLY DURNAN DAVIS
Canon Theologian	VIRGINA WILDER
Theologian-in-Residence	AMY MACEO
Missioner for Communications	TICOY YOUNG
Executive Assistant to the Bishop	LAURA FAULKNER
Executive Assistant to the Canon for Congregations	KIM LANORE
Missioner for Finance and Budget	
Ministry Assistant to the Canon Evangelist & Canon Theologian	
Receptionist, Building Administrator & Assistant to Missioner for Finance	

**THE CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF DALLAS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Chair, Bishop	The Rt. Rev. GEORGE R. SUMNER
President	TIMOTHY A. MACK (term ending 2022)
Vice-President	WILLIAM BEECHERL (term ending 2024)
Treasurer	G. THOMAS GRAVES, III (term ending 2024)
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	ROBERT A. HULSEY (term ending 2023)
	PAT BOSTIAN (term ending 2025)
	TIMOTHY BOSWELL (term ending 2025)

STANDING COMMITTEE

President	The Rev. Canon VICTORIA R.T. HEARD (term ending 2021)
Members	G. THOMAS GRAVES, III (term ending 2022)
	The Rev. ROBERT CORLEY (term ending 2021)
	TIMOTHY A. MACK (term ending 2021)
	The Rev. Canon Dr. SAMIRA IZADI PAGE (term ending 2023)
	STEPHENI MCCOY (term ending 2023)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Bishop	The Rt. Rev. GEORGE R. SUMNER
Standing Committee President	The Rev. Canon VICTORIA R.T. HEARD (term ending 2021)
Treasurer	GREG FOX
Chancellor	DAVID PARSONS
Archdeacon	The Venerable ROSEMARY TREI

TERM ENDING 2021

The Rev. JENNIFER SMITH, Epiphany, Richardson
The Rev. LESLIE STEWART, Resurrection, Plano
ARMANDO BARRIOS, St. Barnabas, Garland
PATRICIA BOSTIAN, St. Paul's, Prosper
MIKE MCGREW, Good Shepherd, Terrell
ROSE OFOEGBU, Emmanuel Anglican, Garland

TERM ENDING 2022

The Rev. ROY ABRAHAM THOMAS, St. Andrew's, McKinney
The Rev. CATHERINE THOMPSON, Annunciation, Lewisville
CORY FLOYD, St. James, Texarkana
SHERYL HOLTON, St. Philip's, Frisco
JOLAYNE LACOUR, St. David's, Denton
LEE SPENCE, St. Dunstan's, Mineola

TERM ENDING 2023

The Rev. RICHARD DALY, St. James, Texarkana
The Rev. PAUL NESTA, St. David's, Denton
HOPE ANDERSON, St. Augustine, Dallas
TIMOTHY BOSWELL, St. Dunstan's, Mineola
MARTHA LANG, Incarnation, Dallas
KELLY REDDELL, St. Michael's, Dallas

2021 CONVOCAATION CHAIRPERSONS

Central
Eastern
Northeastern
Northern
Southern
Western

FRED ELLIS, St. Thomas the Apostle, Dallas
ADELE ICHILIAN, St. Matthew's, Dallas
SUSANA WILLIAMS, St. James, Texarkana
JERRY FILLEBROWN, St. Stephen's, Sherman
The Rev. DAVID FAULKNER, Good Shepherd, Terrell
DEAN STEWART, St. Anne, DeSoto

2021 CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Convention Arrangements Committee

The Rt. Rev. GEORGE R. SUMNER, Bishop
MARK and TERRY DEMLER, Co-Chairs
The Rev. ANDREW GROSSO, Worship Chair
The Venerable ROSEMARY TREI, Archdeacon
ADELE ICHILIAN, Exhibits
ELLEN WILLIAMSON, Parliamentarian
KIMBERLY DURNAN DAVIS
LAURA FAULKNER
KIM LANORE
AMY MACEO
SUSAN MILLS
VIRGINIA WILDER
TICOY YOUNG

Constitution and Canons

DAVID PARSONS, Chair

Credentials and Registration

JOLAYNE LACOUR, Chair
LAURA FAULKNER, Staff Representative
KIM LANORE, Staff Representative
AMY MACEO, Staff Representative
SUSAN MILLS, Staff Representative
TICOY YOUNG, Staff Representative

Dispatch of Business

The Very Rev. ROBERT PRICE

Resolutions Committee

DAVID PARSONS, Chair

Nominating Committee

The Rev. CHRISTOPHER STEELE, Chair
The Rev. ETHEL CHANNON
The Rev. Canon DAVID PETRASH
The Rev. RENE SOMODEVILLA
Jolayne LaCour
Bill McGannon
Rose Ofoegbu
David Pyke

Elections Committee

ELLEN WILLIAMSON, Chair
KIM LANORE
SUSAN MILLS
TICOY YOUNG

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 126TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF DALLAS

The Rt. Rev. George R. Sumner, Bishop of Dallas, served as Chair of the Convention and called the convention to order.

Bishop Sumner welcomed all lay and clergy delegates and guests to the convention.

The Chair then called on David Monaco, Head of School, Parish Episcopal School, to welcome the convention.

The Chair then thanked the following for their contribution to the convention: the Rev. Dr. Ed Stetzer, Bishop Fraser Lawton, Daughters of the King, Harvest Prayer Team and the student pages from Parish Episcopal School.

The Chair called on Ms. Jolayne LaCour, Chair of the Credentials Committee, to present the first credentials and quorum status report. The report was put on hold, and the Chair then called on the Very Rev. Robert Price, to present the Rules of Procedure for the 2021 Annual Convention.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

Presiding Officer

1. The Bishop or such other person as provided in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese shall serve as presiding officer. The presiding officer may call to the chair any qualified person to relieve him temporarily. The presiding officer shall have full power and authority to take such action (consistent with the Constitution and Canons) as he deems necessary to expedite the orderly disposition of the business of the convention.
2. After the convention is called to order by the presiding officer, an opening prayer shall be offered by the presiding officer or someone designated by him.
3. The presiding officer shall have the authority to appoint a parliamentarian of his own choice to advise him on parliamentary questions arising during the convention.
4. Any person addressing the chair or desiring recognition of the chair while the convention is in session shall address the chair as "Right Reverend Sir" if the Bishop is in the chair. If some other person is in the chair, he shall be addressed as "Mister/Madam President."

Committees

5. In addition to the Nominating Committee provided for elsewhere in these Rules, the Ecclesiastical Authority, within a reasonable length of time before the convening of the Annual Convention, may appoint from among the officers and staff of the Diocese, the delegates of the convention, and such other confirmed persons in good standing as the Ecclesiastical Authority may designate, the following committees:

Arrangements

Credentials

Dispatch of Business

Constitution and Canons

Elections

Each committee shall consist of a chair and such other members as the Ecclesiastical Authority may determine. Each committee shall perform such duties as may be deemed necessary or advisable to facilitate the business of the convention and any specific duties assigned to such committee by the presiding officer or under the Constitution and Canons or these Rules. Members of these committees shall continue in office until their respective successors are appointed.

Order of Business

6. The order of business to be presented to the convention for adoption shall be established by the presiding officer in accordance with the Constitution and Canons.
7. Any item of business of the convention may be set as a special order of business or taken up out of its regular order at any time by a two-thirds vote of the delegates. Subject to the foregoing, the presiding officer shall have the authority, within his discretion, to deviate from the order of business adopted, as the exigencies of the occasion may require.
8. After being organized and ready to proceed to business, the first order of business shall be the election of a Secretary and one or more Assistant Secretaries, if needed.
9. All Resolutions of Substance (thus exempting Resolutions of Courtesy) shall be submitted to the Secretary of Convention no later than 10:00 in the morning of the first regular business day. Such resolutions shall be submitted in writing (a) with enough printed copies for distribution to all voting delegates and (b) in electronic form, on a portable memory device. If the resolutions mention outside data, resolutions, etc., copies of such material shall be made available to those requesting same. Such resolutions shall be referred by the presiding officer to the Committee on Dispatch of Business. The Committee shall give due and timely consideration to such resolutions and reports and, with reasonable dispatch, make its report thereon back to the convention with its recommendation for final disposition on any such resolution or report.

Conduct of Business

10. A delegate desiring recognition of the Chair shall give his/her name and the name of the church he/she represents.
11. A delegate may use the microphone on the stage of the convention only with the permission of the presiding officer.
12. A delegate making a report or debating shall go to the designated microphone. At the discretion of the presiding officer, microphones may be designated “pro” and “con” to expedite debate. A third microphone may be utilized for procedural motions and questions.
13. To expedite the business of the convention, debates on any pending resolution or motion shall be limited to three minutes per speaker, and one person shall not speak more than once on the pending matter until all other persons who so desire have had an opportunity to be heard. No member shall speak more than two times to any one motion. The number of speakers for discussion shall be divided, as near as is practical, equally between the proponents and opponents of the pending subject.
14. A question having been decided shall not be reconsidered at the same convention without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor without a motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision. No question shall be reconsidered more than once.
15. If required by the presiding officer, any motion shall not be considered as before the convention unless reduced to writing.
16. When any proposed amendment to the Constitution or Canons is before the convention, amendments thereto may be sent up from the floor if, within the judgment of the presiding officer, such floor amendments are germane to the pending amendments and do not change the purpose of such pending amendments.
17. When consideration of the proposed Diocesan Budget is before the convention, (a) each amendment thereto must indicate the specific line item(s) being increased and/or decreased, and (b) the aggregate dollar amount of changes proposed must be offsetting.

Reports

18. All reports, which have been printed and distributed in advance to all members of the convention, shall be presented by title only and not read; however, any person presenting such a report may give a summary of it requiring not more than five minutes delivery.

19. The budget materials prepared for convention shall include both descriptions of line items and rationale for changes in funding or deletions of line items from the budget of the previous year.

Nominations

20. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall appoint, not less than 60 days in advance of each Annual Convention, a Nominating Committee composed of four clergy and four lay persons resident in the Diocese, which shall report to the convention nominations for all elective offices (other than those for which the bishop makes the nominations) in accordance with the following provisions:
 - (a) Except as to the Office of Secretary, Trustee of the University of the South, and President of the Disciplinary Board, there shall be nominated not less than two nominees for each office.
 - (b) There shall be obtained from each nominee presented his/her personal assurance of his/her willingness and availability to serve, if elected.
 - (c) The name of each nominee shall be accompanied by suitable brief biographical data, including a listing of parish, mission, and diocesan offices then and previously held.
 - (d) Suggestions as to persons for consideration shall be sought from parishes, missions, and diocesan institutions, and from individuals.
 - (e) Further nominations for any office may be made on or before the first regular business day of convention. All such nominations must be submitted in writing on the prescribed nomination form to the Secretary of the Convention no later than the call to order of the first business session of the convention; and accompanied by the copies of the biographical information required in sections (b) and (c) above with a sufficient number of nomination forms and biographical sheets for delivery equal to all lay and clerical Convention Delegates; and accompanied by the signatures of the nominator and the nominee. The Secretary of the Convention shall certify that any nominations so received are in good order and satisfy the requirements set forth in sections (b) and (c) above. After the Nominating Committee makes its report for each office to be elected, in succession, the Secretary of the convention shall announce the names of the additional nominees for the same offices whose name have been placed in nomination according to the provisions of this rule and shall distribute the nomination forms and biographical information on those so certified to all Convention Delegates. No seconding speeches or endorsements of any candidate shall be allowed. Nominations made according to the provisions of this rule shall be added to the election ballots of delegates according to the direction of the Chair of the Election Committee and this eligible for election as the vote for each office proceeds. A nominee (or in his absence at the convention, the Rector of the nominee's Parish) may withdraw his name from consideration any time.

Voting and Elections

21. When two or more equal positions are voted on simultaneously, a nominee must receive a majority of the total number of legal votes cast for such office. In the event a majority is received by more candidates than there are positions to be filled, those with the highest legal vote totals shall be elected.
22. In the election of persons wherein a concurring majority of both orders is required, in which only the number of persons required to fill the position or positions under consideration have been nominated, the Bishop, by unanimous consent of the convention, may declare the candidates elected.
23. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall have the authority to appoint all Board Members, Trustees, and Committee Members, and fill other positions which are not required to be elected or otherwise selected by the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese of Dallas or any other lawful authority.

24. Beginning with the second ballot on any election, the total number of nominees shall not exceed twice the number of open positions. The nominee(s) to drop off the ballot are those who received the fewest votes in a plurality of both orders in the previous vote.
25. Voting will be conducted in accordance with the following procedures:
 - (a) At the time of registration, each delegate shall be issued: (i) a yellow voting card to each lay delegate and a blue voting card to each member of the clergy and (ii) a yellow keypad card to each lay delegate and a blue keypad card to each member of the clergy.
 - (b) Lay delegates and members of the clergy shall enter the convention floor through doors marked “clergy” and “lay,” respectively. Upon entrance to the convention floor for business sessions, each delegate will exchange his keypad card for a voting keypad.
 - (c) If a delegate loses a voting card or keypad card, he must return to the registration desk for replacement.
 - (d) When directed by the presiding officer, a delegate shall vote by either (i) using the keypad or (ii) raising a voting card, as directed by the presiding officer.
 - (e) Doors shall be closed during voting and entry to the convention floor shall be denied until ballots are collected, or, if not a ballot vote, until the results of the vote are announced.
 - (f) Upon exiting the convention floor, each delegate will exit only through the designated door and shall exchange his/her keypad for a keypad card.
 - (g) In case of a malfunction of electronic voting equipment, the presiding officer shall establish procedures for voting by paper ballot or other means.
 - (h) If deemed appropriate by the presiding officer, the presiding officer shall appoint sufficient number of tellers to count voting cards raised on any vote.
 - (i) Elections shall be conducted under the oversight of the Elections Committee and the presiding officer may delegate authority to establish additional voting procedures to such committee.

Miscellaneous

26. The presiding officer, or such person as he may designate, shall be in charge of the admission of all media personnel to the convention floor, and no TV or video cameras shall be permitted on the floor without the prior approval of the presiding officer.
27. No literature shall be distributed at the convention, on the floor or on the premises, without prior approval of the presiding officer.
28. The audible use of cell phones and other personal accessories shall not be permitted during sessions of the convention.
29. The proceedings of the convention shall be tape recorded and permanently filed. The Journal of the Convention shall be reviewed and approved by a committee consisting of the Secretary, the Chancellor and the Parliamentarian.
30. Any of these rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates. These rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates, provided such amendments are not in violation of the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese.
31. The Constitution and Canons Committee shall be authorized to correct article, canon, and section designations, numbering, grammar, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical, typographical, and conforming changes that will not change the meaning or intent of an amendment or resolution as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the convention in approving the amendment or resolution.
32. The Rules of Procedure of the previous meeting of convention shall be in force until they are amended or repealed.

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A video, hosted by Canon Carrie Headington, was played detailing the Diocesan efforts in relief and development and evangelism throughout the previous 18 months.

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The Chair re-called Ms. Jolayne LaCour, Chair of the Credentials Committee, to present the credentials and quorum status report.

Ms. LaCour gave the following credentials report:

<u>Clerical Order</u>	<u>Lay Order</u>
186 Canonically Resident	57 Parishes and Missions in the Diocese
63 Required for a Quorum	20 Required for a Quorum
95 Registered to Vote	170 Lay Delegates representing 53 Parishes and Missions registered

Ms. LaCour declared a quorum present in both orders and concluded her report. The Chair called for a vote for the adoption of the results of the credential report. The vote passed and the report was adopted.

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The Chair then called for a vote on the adoption of the Rules of Procedures for the convention. The vote passed, and the Rules of Procedure were adopted.

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The Chair then called the Very Rev. Robert Price to report on the Dispatch of Business. Dean Price reported an updated Proposed Agenda had been provided to delegates at registration and moved its adoption. The motion passed and the updated Proposed Agenda adopted.

PROPOSED AGENDA

Saturday, November 6, 2021

7:30 a.m.	Registration, Exhibits Open, Coffee and Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer in Convention Hall
8:50 a.m.	Call to Order in Convention Hall
	Report of the Credentials Committee – Quorum Report
	Report of the Committee on Dispatch of Business
	Report of the Nominating Committee – Election of Secretary
	Report of the Nominating Committee – Election of Other Offices
	Bishop’s Appointments and Nominations
	Business Items: Status of Congregations
	Report of the Constitutions and Canons Committee
	Business Items: Request for Assisting Bishop
	Bishop Sumner’s Address
12:00 p.m.	Noon Day Prayer and Recess for Lunch
	Exhibits Open
	Presentation by Darell Smith of the Greater Dallas Coalition
	Presentation by Youth Speaker
	Bishop Michael Smith’s Address
	Report of the Committee on Resolutions
	2022 Budget
	Courtesy Resolutions
3:00 p.m.	Adjournment, Blessing and Dismissal

Dean Price concluded his report from the Committee on Dispatch of Business.

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The Chair called for a vote to adopt the Order of Business as proposed. The vote passed and the Order of Business was adopted.

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With the adoption of Credentials, Rules of Procedure, and Order of Business, the Chair announced that the convention was duly organized and ready for the transaction of business.

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The Chair called the Rev. Christopher Steele, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present the first report of the Nominating Committee.

FIRST REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominated for Secretary of Convention

Mr. Bob Buchanan

The Secretary of Convention confirmed there were no nominations from the floor. The Chair called for a voice vote and Mr. Buchanan was elected.

Nominated for Chancellor of the Diocese

Mr. David Parsons

The Chair nominated Mr. David Parsons as Chancellor for the Diocese of, for a one year term commencing at the conclusion of the convention. The Chair called for a voice vote and Mr. Parsons was elected.

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The Chair then made the following appointments, which do not require a vote:

Treasurer

Mr. Greg Fox

The Chair announced Mr. Greg Fox will remain as Treasurer of the Diocese. The Chair recognized the team effort of Mr. Greg and Mrs. Alison Fox, and expressed his gratitude.

Parliamentarian

Ms. Ellen Williamson

The Chair announced he has appointed Ms. Ellen Williamson as Parliamentarian.

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The Chair recognized the Sergeant-at-Arms serving the convention and thanked them for their service.

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The Chair then called Mr. Bob Buchanan, Secretary of Convention, for a report on the minutes of the 125th Annual Diocesan Convention held virtually in November 2020. Mr. Buchanan reported that the minutes of the 125th Annual Diocesan Convention have been reviewed and approved by a committee consisting of the Chancellor, the previous year's Secretary of Convention and the Parliamentarian.

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November 6, 2021

The Chair called for any objections to the appointment of the Chancellor, Secretary of Convention and Parliamentarian to serve as the minutes approval committee for the 126th Annual Convention. Hearing no objection, the Chancellor, Secretary and Parliamentarian will approve the minutes of 126th Convention in due course.

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The Chair called for any objections to allowing licensed clergy, not canonically resident and on the staff of a Church, to be seated on the convention floor with voice, but without vote. Hearing no objections, the licensed, non-canonically resident clergy serving as staff on a Church were seated with their congregations.

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The Chair recognized Dean Price, Interim Canon for Congregations, to report on clergy changes within the Diocese.

Clergy Changes

Newly Ordained Clergy:

Deacons

The Rev. Michael Logan Hurst
The Rev. Robert Trent Pettit
The Rev. Miguel Carmona
The Rev. Audrey Sutton
The Rev. Mary Kate Gerber
The Rev. Julian Borda
The Rev. Marisa Crofts
The Rev. Kate Smith

Priests

The Rev. R. Chase Skorburg
The Rev. Lorenzo Galuszka
The Rev. Ryan Jordan
The Rev. Miguel Carmona
The Rev. Audrey Sutton

Clergy Transfers into the Diocese:

The Rev. Samuel Adams – St. Augustine’s, Dallas
The Rev. John Alier – St. Philips Sudanese, Dallas
The Rev. Kenneth Brannon – Saint Michael and All Angels, Dallas
The Rev. David Halt – St. James, Texarkana
The Rev. Janice Honea, St. Peter’s, McKinney
The Rev. Christopher Thomas – St. Thomas the Apostle, Dallas

Newly Licensed Clergy:

The Rev. Christian Basel, Saint Michael & All Angels, Dallas
The Rev. Nathan Bostian, ESD
The Rev. Ted Clarkson – Transfiguration, Dallas
The Rev. Joseph Dewey, Incarnation, Dallas
The Rev. Andrew Grosso – Saint Michael & All Angels, Dallas
The Rev. Paulette Magnuson – St. Andrew’s, McKinney
The Rev. Jonathan Melton – Holy Trinity, Heath
The Rev. Christopher Stephen – Epiphany, Richardson
The Rev. Teresa Terry – Ascension, Dallas

Deaths:

The Rev. Thomas Keithly	The Rev. Roger Button
The Rev. George Luck	The Rev. Eugene Baker
The Rev. David Holland	The Rev. Patterson Young
The Rev. Raymond Ball	The Rev. Michael Woods
The Rev. James Murphree	

Dean Price concluded his report, and Bishop Sumner offered a prayer.

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The Chair called the Rev. Christopher Steele, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present the second report of the Nominating Committee.

SECOND REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominated as President of the Disciplinary Board

Clergy

The Rev. Nancy Powers

The Chair called for a voice vote, and the Rev. Nancy Powers was elected.

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The Chair then called Mr. Ron Rinaldi of Turning Technologies, to give a tutorial on the use of the voting clickers. Mr. Rinaldi presented the tutorial and concluded his report.

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The Chair called the Rev. Christopher Steele, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present the third report of the Nominating Committee.

After the first ballot of the Executive Council, Clergy Order voting, The Chair recognized the Rev. David Houk. Father Houk requested that the votes cast and votes necessary to elect be announced before each ballot. The Chair approved the request.

THIRD REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominated for Standing Committee

Clergy

The Rev. Clayton Elder

The Rev. Michael Hurst

The Rev. Dr. Marci Pounders

Lay

Gene Autrey

Lee Spence

Nominated for Executive Council

Clergy

The Rev. Kenneth Brannon

The Rev. Richard Daly

The Rev. David Miller

The Rev. Tom Smith

The Rev. Keith Turbeville

Lay

Micah Belden

David Cowling

Fred Ellis

Rebekah Gardner

Margot Habiby

Matthew Lewis

Bill Maddox

Jim Myckleby

Nominated as Trustee of the University of the South

Clergy

The Rev. Nicholas Funk

The Rev. Casey Shobe

ELECTION RESULTS

Standing Committee

Clergy

The Rev. Clayton Elder

Lay

Lee Spence

Executive Council

Clergy

The Rev. David Miller

The Rev. Keith Turbeville

Lay

Fred Ellis

Rebekah Gardner

Margot Habiby

Matthew Lewis

Trustee of the University of the South

Clergy

The Rev. Nicholas Funk

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The Chair declared elections closed for the 2021 convention.

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BISHOP'S NOMINATIONS TO INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES/BOARDS/COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

The Chair announced that the Corporation has no open positions in this year.

The Chair then called on Mr. Buchanan, to report on nominations and appointments by the Bishop.

Mr. Buchanan directed delegates to the handout distributed at Registration. Those nominated for Audit Committee and Commission on Ministry are printed in purple.

Mr. Buchanan moved acceptance of the nominations to the Audit Committee and the Commission on Ministry be approved. The motion was seconded. The Chair called for a voice vote, and all nominees were duly elected.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Nominations to a one-year term ending 2022

William Peeler

Mary Sonom

Tom Graves

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Nominations to a three-year term ending 2024

The Rev. John Sundara

The Rev. Kathy Heitmann

The Rev. Tom Smith

Bobby Apple

Mary Jo Hoch

Ed Hurst

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BUSINESS ITEM: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT BISHOP

The Chair then brought the matter to the convention of the creation and appointment of a second position of Assistant Bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas per its Constitution, and per the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order of the Episcopal Church III.5a. The canonical steps were followed and the Standing Committee approved that the Bishop's request to be brought to the convention for a vote. First, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the creation of a second position of an Assistant Bishop. The motion was made by the Very Rev. Robert Price.

The Chair then provided the definition of an Assistant Bishop. An Assistant Bishop is one who is regularly included in the rota/responsibilities of Diocesan work, and also can take part in the Councils of the Church, which would include the House of Bishops and the Lambeth Conference.

The Chair continued: in this particular case, Bishop Fraser Lawton will continue as the Rector of St. Dunstan's Mineola, but does have a wider responsibility in East Texas. Being an Assistant Bishop would allow him, on occasion, to make a visitation and/or other work on the Diocese's behalf. It does not involve any change in salary or benefits, but will increase his responsibilities.

The motion was seconded. The Chair called for a voice vote, and the motion passed. The Right Reverend Fraser Lawton shall be appointed Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Dallas.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS COMMITTEE

The Chair called Mr. David Parsons, Chancellor, to give the report of the Constitution and Canons Committee.

Mr. Parsons reported there is one proposed amendment, found on page 56 of the convention booklet.

2021—C01 Proposed Amendment to Delete Canon 35

Deletion of Canon 35 on Commission on Episcopal Schools

RESOLVED that the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas be amended to delete in its entirety Canon 35, entitled "Commission on Episcopal Schools," and that the current Commission on Episcopal Schools of the Diocese be disbanded.

CANON 35 COMMISSION ON EPISCOPAL SCHOOLS

~~Section 35.1 There shall be a Commission on Episcopal Schools in the Diocese which shall consist of at least six (6) members and not more than fifteen (15) members elected by the Diocesan Convention, upon nomination by the Bishop, on a rotating basis for a term of three (3) years. Members may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.~~

~~Section 35.2 The duty of the Commission on Episcopal Schools is to establish guidelines and standards for the establishment, recognition and certification of any and all Episcopal Schools now or in the future operating within the Diocese.~~

~~Section 35.3 The Commission shall report annually in writing to the Convention of the Diocese.~~

Rationale

This Commission has outlived its usefulness and relevance and has not functioned in years. It has been increasingly difficult to recruit persons to serve on this Commission, due to its inactivity. The function of certifying Episcopal Schools within the Diocese is ably performed by regional and national accrediting bodies, such as the National Association of Episcopal Schools, Independent Schools Association of the Southwest and others. Any guidelines for Episcopal schools within the Diocese can be promulgated by the Bishop, when and if needed.

Submitted By: Constitution and Canons Committee

Opposition to the amendment was heard from the convention floor. In response to opposition requests for further consideration on the Commission on Episcopal Schools, the Chancellor, Mr. David Parsons, withdrew the recommendation of the Constitution and Canons Committee of 2021-C01 Proposed Amendment to Delete Canon 35 and will refer the matter to the next convention. This concluded the Report of the Constitution and Canons Committee.

BUSINESS ITEM: STATUS OF CONGREGATIONS

The Chair called on Dean Price for a report on the status and changes of congregations.

- St. Andrew's, Farmers Branch, has been restored to Mission status from Parish status.
- Our Savior, Dallas, is moving to Mission Station status from Mission status.
- Resurrection, Plano, has been dissolved as a Mission of the Diocese.
- The Mission Station, Holy Faith, has been dissolved.
- A video from St. John the Apostle, Pottsboro was shown, in which the Rev. Dr. Marci Pounders requested the convention to grant them Parish status. Dean Price asked the convention to stand to grant and welcome St. John the Apostle as a Parish of the Diocese of Dallas.
- A video from St. Paul's, Prosper, was shown, requesting the convention to grant them Parish status. Dean Price asked the convention to stand to grant and welcome St. Paul's as a Parish of the Diocese of Dallas.

This concluded the report on Congregations from Dean Price.

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Address to the 126th Annual Convention
The Rt. Rev. George R. Sumner, Bishop, Diocese of Dallas

Let me begin with some thank yous - to the staff, of course, and helpers with technology of various kinds; the convention committee, especially Mark and Terry Demler, for their flexibility and creativity this year. We were determined to be together, and safely, and lively, and thanks to the teams at Incarnation and Parish School, with a shout out to the headmaster, who helped make it possible for us to accomplish these goals. Thanks as well to our preacher and we hope, soon to be Assistant Bishop (as well as St. Dunstan's Rector, Fraser Lawton). I am especially grateful to our clergy for their courage in the past year and a half and would ask them to stand.

Before I begin, I want to say a most hearty thank you to Rob Price, who, amidst one and now two other full-time jobs, did exemplary work on all our behalfs as Canon for Congregations, de facto Canon to the Ordinary. I also want to welcome our new Canon to the Ordinary, as of January 1, Christopher Brown, presently in the diocese of Albany, who will take on an amalgam of the work of the CTTO and the Canon for Vocations. As always, I am indebted to my colleague and friend Michael Smith, who now needs a hat rack for all the hats he is wearing on our behalf.

This past Lent I had the pleasure of reading via zoom (mostly) Anglican modern poets with an adult study group from St. James, Texarkana; the likes of Auden, and R.S. Thomas, the hardest and most compelling being T.S. Eliot, convert to Anglo-Catholicism that he was. We read Eliot's last poem, named 'Little Giddings,' from which I borrowed some of the last lines for the motto of this Diocesan Convention. Let me provide some background. Though an American, Eliot was living in his adopted land of England, after the trauma of the First World War and in the midst of the Second. He had given voice to the lost generation, moderns for whom the meaning of things seemed, in Eliot's words, like 'a heap of broken images,'. Eliot remains as compelling, even as his anti-Semitism is odious. The name of the poem is that of a country house where devout laity had retreated to pray three hundred years earlier, in the midst of the Civil War. Eliot, too, is trying to find safe lodging with a shaft of eternity's light upon it. He had already served as a fire watch on a London roof in the Blitz and has come to see that life boils down to the fire of wrath and destruction, or the fire of the Holy Spirit, though we humans pretend we can get by somehow in the space between. The end of the poem expresses the end of his journey, his struggle, a strange kind of end. Here are the lines:

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
Through the unknown, unremembered gate...

No Vamos cesar la exploracion
Y el fin de todo nuestro explorando
Va a ser llegar donde comencimos
Y saber el lugar como primera vez,
A traves de la Puerta desconicida y olvidada.

We too are heading through, and God willing, past a collective trauma. We too live in a society whose confused meanings lie in a heap, perhaps yet more so two generations on, than Eliot's. We too long for a lodging to dwell in, to rest in the light of eternity, like those disciples in the transfiguration story. Like St. Julian sitting still in her cell long enough to hear that all shall be well. It is this idea of coming finally to see the familiar as if for the first time, so that our end is a beginning, that I want to take on board this afternoon, thanks to our problematic brother T.S. Eliot. For us too, the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.

Your energy and mine have been focused often for the past year and a half on just getting through our extraordinary circumstances, and rightly so. I know for my part that I can look back and see things that we got right and wrong, in a season for which there was no chapter in any pastoral theology book to give us direction. But now, further on, we can stop for a moment, and raise our heads, and observe more clearly where we find ourselves. You and I live at the crossroads, the convergence of three storm fronts. To be sure, it is not by happenstance that we find ourselves here, but God has put us here, this time and place a vocation. Each storm front has been accelerated by the COVID season.

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First there is a cultural maelstrom, the likelihood of civil discourse diminished, the effect of the new force of technology unprecedented, change so rapid as to disorient us, to which we may add an epidemic of the venial sin of wrath; more required of stretched local communities than ever before. The bigger the problems, it seems, the smaller our capacity to hear one another. The nominal have fallen away from Church, as has part of the younger generation Z, even as untold people feel out to sea and bereft and open to invitation. Carrie has done a good job of bringing these contradictory trends to our attention. This is a reality clergy themselves face every week.

The second storm front is the shocking demographic decline of the Episcopal Church. We as a diocese have, by the grace of God, held our own, but the same cannot be said for the larger national trends. Even before COVID infant baptisms, marriages, and overall attendance have declined in TEC significantly, and the past year and a half have only accelerated this. This is an elephant whose presence in the middle of our room can no longer go unnoted. Our own denomination cannot look the same a decade from now, and some of the changes may come sooner than that. Though we are in a relatively stronger position, we are not an island either, nor should we imagine ourselves so.

The third front, one we might also overlook, is the challenge within our own church fellowship, in what can broadly be called 'formation,' which should include both catechism, for all ages, and renewal. Clergy work hard at the former, but in our age it is an uphill battle. Our children are too busy. The epoch of Christendom, in which we suppose that we learn enough of the faith from culture itself, dies slowly. We search for ways to convey the Bible's salvation story. And as for the latter, we in Dallas have lost the energetic effect of the Cursillo movement and need another form of renewal to the same end. In the great demands on all of us, formation can easily go to the back of the refrigerator, but we cannot continue to let it sit there.

I believe that, even before COVID, we have been at work in the diocese, like Joseph in the book of Genesis, in preparation for the equivalent of the 'seven lean years' in Egypt. We have trimmed costs, raised up younger clergy, and struggled to find new venues for evangelism. We have tried to get our house in order for the kind of season that we are entering. Practical and programmatic solutions are important, and we will continue to pursue them, but they will not suffice for the convergence of the larger forces I am describing. One might as well sit on the beach and order the tide back.

In another Lent, a quarter century before the Zoom poets group at St. James, I was the rector of a parish in semi-rural upstate New York. The smaller farms in the area had all been bought up by the Black Bumper Mennonites, cousins of the Amish, whose buggies could sure slow down one's journeys to the nearby towns. I learned some interesting things about our neighbors; that they assumed every adult (male, in their polity) knew enough bible to be the pastor (how's that for formation?) so they drew lots, like the early apostles, to see who'd be pastor for the year (so much for search committees). They had no insurance, since they were one another's insurance against something like our Big Freeze. I invited them to take part in our Lenten series, to describe how they lived out their Christian callings and they agreed. I did worry that they would just seem odd, and it would be hard for our folks to relate to them, dressed as they were as if it were 17th century Germany. But, actually, I needn't have worried - my group, not least the younger parents, understood, across a divide, exactly what their worry was; namely how the dominant culture, increasingly technological, would have negative effects on their children. One elder stood up in our parish hall and issued what came to be called the Mennonite Challenge. For Lent, shut off your TV's (nowadays we could add the other devices) and each week read, as he put it, one book by 'your C.S. Lewis.' They had read him, the great catechist of his time, and they found him compelling. I am not advocating that we give up wearing buttons, or that we now pray in Hochdeutsch. But I am saying that we may be summoned, against the cultural grain, which might turn out to be with a new grain, that we be called to a more single-minded attention to the Word of God, to God's reality, his primacy, first and last.

But you might ask, don't these emphases sound too ethereal, too bookish, in a time when we need urgent action to survive, not just theology? We can get the point of that criticism. But our Lord tells us to seek first the kingdom of God, and then all these things are added unto us. We do not pray and serve so as to get those things added unto us, even things we feel we need. We hear the Gospel afresh, so that God is God for us anew. T.S. Eliot, in another poem, asks the Lord to 'Teach us to care and not to care,' reverse the order, and the point is the same. Turn us radically and unconditionally to you Lord, anew, even amidst all these circumstances that seem to demand our attention, as they did in Eliot's time, and in God's time and way it may change our circumstances as well. That convergence of fronts is not calling us to solutions, it is calling us back to letting God be God.

And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

Let me offer to you this afternoon three things, well known, which we might know as if for the first time. First of all, the Gospel is **radically true**. *El Evangelio es radicalmente verdadero*. I am not referring to our experiences of our religious life, which are important enough, nor the effects for good we might have, or not, on our surroundings, nor on our spirituality. I am talking about focusing anew on what our faith claims as truth. I am speaking of the outlandish notion that it tells us something more profoundly true than science, or politics, or culture, or therapy can say, important though each may be in its own way. It tells us how the world really is. Come what may, we hear anew that the God of eternity has come among us savingly in Christ, that his death has actually changed our situations, that in the Spirit, Christ himself is present to us, preeminently in word and sacrament, and after death the triune God will have the last say. To dive deeper into these, with a renewed seriousness, and find how 'all these things are added to us' from them, is what the moment summons us to. It is like King Josiah in II Kings finding that dusty old book in the basement of the temple, and hearing it read, addressed to him from God, and rending his garments. Each congregation figures out the groups and times and ways in which to hear that Voice.

Secondly, the Gospel is **radically ecumenical**. *El evangelio es radicalmente ecumenico*. We aren't separate franchises. We're not up to this alone, though it may often feel so. This is hard for us American individualists. But the denominational scaffolding will not survive the changes before us, at least not exactly as we know them. We need to be, and here in Dallas, in a number of congregations, we are, in mission with predominantly African American churches. In the face of an issue like immigration, and others too, we need the friendship of our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters. In each town new ways to be friends with our fellow mainlines will present themselves. Perhaps the day will even come when we will be friends in mission with others in the wider Anglican family. And of course God gives us to see how we are already one family with the Church in Navajoland or Uganda or Honduras or wherever you are in common mission. In such a moment as this we see that we are already, and have been, one Body because of God's grace, all along.

Thirdly, we return to the familiar place and see it anew, namely the nave and altar and rail. The Gospel is **embodied**. *El evangelio es encarnado*. Humans kneeling in one place, bread and wine broken and poured in an actual place; the sick and the broken visited in the place we find them. I am not saying that we ought to turn off all our livestreams - they are in some form with us for the foreseeable future and served an undeniable function. But, ironically, technology in this time reminds of the importance of its opposite, namely that our religion is embodied, which is to say sacramental, by analogy with the incarnation itself. And there will come a time when a fact as simple as this will be a witness, a counter-cultural sign, a protest and a memory, a touch of the Amish, even among us Episcopalians.

Our faith in its essence is true, shared, and embodied, just so the days are coming with the obvious will not be so, and yet it will be the point around which we can navigate, a pole star, not just for us, but for those who wander across the face of the land, those who suffer a famine of a word from God. The most determinedly theological will prove to be counter-intuitively the most pertinent.

Of course, we don't gather in Church around the poems of T.S. Eliot, which is also good news, so one might fairly ask what word of Scripture sums up what I am pointing toward. Let it be this passage, from the grand conclusion of the whole bible, Revelation 21, the new Jerusalem, hear the word of the Lord, 21:22-27. Who we are depends on where we're headed. Blessed John who wrote those words, lived in a traumatized, confused, unprecedented world too. But in its midst, he and his colleagues heard anew that they are **a people on their way to the kingdom**. *La gente en el camino del reino de Dios*. That is what baptism tells each of us - we are sons and daughters of God in Jesus and on our way to the kingdom. Other worldly yes, so as to fill us with energy and hope for this very worldly time and place into which we have been placed as pilgrims and servants. Headed to the perfect temple, making sense of the makeshift altars around which we gather, headed to a place where we will all be together, making sense of our efforts to be ecumenical, headed to a place, heavenly and creaturely, making sense of the worth God invests in his created orders, by which we worship Him, all of us headed toward the center of the cosmos where stands the wounded lamb, in whose presence there, and in anticipation even now, in the midst of troubles intractable, it is all glory and praise and an indescribable light refracted from Him. Amen.

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The Chair then called for the video welcome from Bishop Allen, Episcopal Diocese of Honduras, to be played to the convention, in which Bishop Allen thanked the Diocese of Dallas for its ongoing support.

The Chair reminded the convention that the collection from convention will go in additional support to the Episcopal Diocese of Honduras.

The Chair invited the Rev. Andrew Grosso forward to lead Noonday Prayer.

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The Chair reconvened the convention after the lunch break and thanked all who donated a coat or food.

The Chair called Darell Smith, President of the Board of the Greater Dallas Coalition, to the dais to speak about the Greater Dallas Coalition's work around the Diocese of Dallas. Mr. Smith presented a recap of activities from the last year on the work of the Greater Dallas Coalition and Dallas Champions Academy.

The Chair then invited the Rev. Dr. Samira Page to the dais to introduce the convention Youth Speaker, Miss Gonay Shafiei from Grace Community Church, who made her presentation to the convention, encompassing the refugee experience, blessings of the Lord and gratitude to the Diocese of Dallas.

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The Chair called Ms. Jolayne LaCour, Chair of the Credentials Committee, to present a second credentials report.

Ms. LaCour gave the following credentials report:

<u>Clerical Order</u>	<u>Lay Order</u>
186 Canonically Resident	57 Parishes and Missions in the Diocese
63 Required for a Quorum	20 Required for a Quorum
95 Registered to Vote	171 Lay Delegates representing 53 Parishes and Missions registered

Ms. LaCour moved for adoption of the second credentials report by the convention. The Chair then called for a voice vote for the adoption of the second credentials report. The motion passed by majority voice vote and the second credentials report was adopted.

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The Chair then introduced a video message from the Right Reverend Michael. G. Smith.

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REPORT ON VOCATIONS

The Chair called on Dean Price, to give a report on Vocations.

There are currently:

- (3) Nominees for Holy Orders
- (5) Aspirants for Holy Orders
- (8) Postulants for Holy Orders
- (4) Candidates for Holy Orders

This concludes the report on Vocations.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Chair called Mr. David Parsons, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, to give the Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

The Chair recognized the Secretary of Convention, Mr. Bob Buchanan. The Chair asked if any resolutions had been submitted to the Secretary in accordance with Rule 9. Mr. Buchanan confirmed that one Resolution had been received.

The Chair then continued: The Secretary of Convention has received a Resolution that was reviewed by the Committee on the Dispatch of Business and have found to be a Resolution of substance and copies have been distributed to the delegates.

The Resolution to be considered is: **2021 R001 A Resolution to the Centrality and Preservation of Camp All Saints.**

RESOLVED That convention affirms that Camp All Saints is a place of diocesan unity and congress and spiritual refreshment for the clergy, lay leaders, and members of the diocese, and our youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That convention affirms that Camp All Saints provides all our parishes, but especially smaller and mid-size parishes, an effective place for the youth of the Diocese to have experiences of transforming faith and commitment to Christ, such as the confirmation courses held before the pandemic and the summer camps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Convention is grateful that the year-round use of Camp All Saints by the Journey on Lake Texoma (JOLT Program) allows our camp to be a place of experiencing environmental learning and the beauty of nature for children across north Texas.

It is a tangible way to witness to our commitment as a Diocese to the stewardship of creation. The JOLT program supports the summer programs and the availability of the camp to be a place a retreat and renewal throughout the year for members of the Diocese.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas requests the Bishop and the Board of Camp All Saints to go forward with plans to hold summer camp for the youth of the Diocese at Camp All Saints in 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the convention of the Diocese applauds the recent renewal of the long term lease of the Camp from the Corps of Engineers, and is grateful to the efforts of Mr. Thomas Graves and others to effect that renewal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That convention expresses thanks and appreciation to Mike McGrew, Interim Director, the Board of the Camp, Sandi Cresswell, Don Miars, Josh Velten, Matt Spears, Dina Marthinsen, Marsha Green, and other members of the camp staff who faithfully have worked to maintain the Camp during the pandemic or returned to restart the JOLT Program.

Submitted by

The Rev. Canon Victoria Heard

The Rev. Rebecca Tankersley

The Rev. Ethel Channon

The Rev. Craig Reed

The Rev. David Faulkner

The Rev. Marci Pounders

The Rev. Paul Klitzke

The Rev. Keith Turbeville

The Rev. Michael Hurst

The Rev. Donald Perschall

The Rev. Matthew Frick

The Resolutions Committee met and Mr. Parsons, Chair, recommends the Resolution for adoption.

The Chair then appointed Dean Price to preside over the matter. The Dean then called for anyone who might want to speak to the Resolution. Delegates spoke in support of the Resolution.

With the support of lay speakers, presbyters and the Bishop, Dean Price called for a voice vote to adopt the resolution. The Resolution carried. Dean Price returned presiding the meeting to the Chair.

This concludes Mr. Parsons report of the Resolution Committee.

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REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Chair called upon the Treasurer, Greg Fox, to make a presentation on the 2022 budget.

Mr. Fox highlighted a few points from the budget: last year we gave a 1% assessment reduction, and this year we are giving a .5% reduction in the assessment. Last year we gave a full month of assessment holiday, this year we are going to give two weeks in January. Also, The Episcopal Church gave a \$40,000 rebate.

2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

RECEIPTS:

Revenue	3,577,780.00
Endowment for the Episcopate	95,000.00
Farmer Foundation	68,500.00
Episcopal Health Foundation	50,000.00
Assessment Holiday January 2022	(149,727.00)
Allowance for Uncollected Assessments	(44,303.00)
Maxson Trust – Camp Salary	45,000.00
Other Revenue	2,400.00
TEC Rebate	40,000.00
Interest Income	2,500.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$3,687,150.00

DIOCESAN EXPENSES:

Congregational Support and Development	572,600.00
Church Plants	163,000.00
Clergy Development & Support	436,800.00
Theological Development & Special Ministry	57,500.00
Evangelism	68,000.00
Youth Ministry	6,000.00
College Ministries	3,000.00
Diocesan Institutions	120,000.00
Episcopal Church Ministries	575,600.00
Ecumenical & Diocesan Commitments	76,000.00
Office of the Episcopate	566,000.00
Diocesan Staff	767,650.00
Diocesan House Operating Expenses	275,000.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$3,687,150.00

This concludes the report of the Finance Committee.

The Chair called for any discussion on the budget. The Chair then called for a voice vote for adoption of the 2022 proposed budget. The vote passed and the proposed budget was adopted.

The Chair thanked Greg and Alison Fox for all their work for the Diocese.

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The Chair introduced a second video message from Canon Evangelist, Carrie Headington.

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The Chair would like to thank everyone who allowed their name to stand for consideration for any of the offices we had elections for in the Diocese. The Chair also thanks all who have held office and are concluding their terms at this time:

Standing Committee:

The Rev. Canon Victoria Heard
Tim Mack

Executive Council:

The Rev. Canon Victoria Heard
Fred Ellis
Dean Stewart
The Rev. Jennifer Smith
The Rev. Leslie Stewart
Armando Barrios
Pat Bostian
Mike McGrew
Rose Ofoegbu

Commission on Ministry:

The Rev. Robert Corley
The Rev. Emily Hylden

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The Chair extends a special thank you on a retirement, and asked Greg Fox to make the presentation.

Mr. Fox made a special presentation of gratitude, thanking Missioner for Finance and Budget, Ticoy Young, on her exemplary service to the Diocese of Dallas. Mrs. Young has served the Diocese with the highest level of integrity, wisdom, expertise and loyalty to those she serves. She has served three Bishops, four Suffragan Bishops and numerous Assisting Bishops. The financial well being of the Diocese is testament to her thirty-six years of unwavering service. Ms. Young will retire on February 28, 2022, and congratulations are offered to her for a job well done.

The Chair offered a prayer of thanksgiving for Ticoy Young.

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COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

The Chair called Mr. Buchanan, to present Courtesy Resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED, this 126th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas, does hereby express its thanks and appreciation to the Bishop and the staff of the Diocese for their devotion and committed service to the Diocese during the last twenty months of pandemic, especially when having to work remotely.

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BE IT RESOLVED, this 126th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas, does hereby express its thanks to the staff, especially the support staff, for managing the details and logistics of the move out of the former Diocesan offices this past Summer into storage and temporary offices until the renovation of the Cathedral is complete.

BE IT RESOLVED, this 126th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas, on the 6th of November in the year of our Lord 2021, does hereby grant and give thanks to God for the Christian witness and dedication of clergy members who have died since the last in person meeting:

- The Rev. Thomas Keithly July 21, 2020
- The Rev. Canon George Luck July 23, 2020
- The Rev. David Holland August 9, 2020
- The Rev. Raymond Ball October 18, 2020
- The Rev. James Murphree December 7, 2020
- The Rev. Roger Button April 16, 2021
- The Rev. Eugene Baker June 26, 2021
- The Rev. Patterson Young July 15, 2021
- The Rev. Michael Woods October 3, 2021

and commend their souls to the grace and mercy of God Almighty and through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, and be further resolved that this convention sends greetings and assurance of our gratitude and prayers to their several survivors.

BE IT RESOLVED, this 126th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas, does hereby express its gratitude to the Reverend Dr. Ed Stetzer for providing the clergy of the diocese with an opportunity to learn about ministry and mission in the Covid era.

BE IT RESOLVED, this 126th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas, does hereby express its gratitude for the teaching of Bishop Fraser Lawton. His passion for the gospel and for the renewal of rural churches is an inspiration to the Diocese of Dallas.

BE IT RESOLVED, this 126th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas, does hereby express its gratitude to Parish Episcopal School for the hospitality and support extended to this convention by the school and its Headmaster, Mr. David Monaco, its Board of Directors and its staff and students.

This concludes Mr. Buchanan's report of Courtesy Resolutions.

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The Chair thanked Mr. Buchanan for the Courtesy Resolutions and for agreeing to be Secretary this year.

The Chair thanked everyone who has been a Chair or Committee Member and offered a special thank you for Mark and Terry Demler and the arrangements committee and staff for the planning that went into this successful, in person, convention of the Diocese.

The Committee has set the date and place for the convention of 2022, planned to be Saturday, November 5, 2022, at Episcopal School Dallas, and announced the Clergy Day preacher will be the Rt. Rev. Ian Ernest, who was Archbishop of the Indian Ocean and who was one of the global leaders of the South. He is presently the head of the Anglican Center in Rome.

The Standing Committee, including new members, will meet immediately after this meeting.

The Chair then asked if there was any further business to come before the convention. Hearing no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Chair called for a voice vote and the motion passed.

The Chair declared the 126th Annual Convention of the Diocese adjourned. The Chair offered a final prayer and blessing.

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2021 TELLERS' REPORTS

Tabulation of Votes for Standing Committee — Clergy (*elect one*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay
Votes Cast	86	152
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>77</u>
The Rev. Clayton Elder	33	57
The Rev. Michael Hurst	34	44
The Rev. Dr. Marci Pounders	19	51
	Clergy	Lay

BALLOT #2			
Votes Cast – Not Reported			
<u>Necessary to Elect – Not Reported</u>			
The Rev. Clayton Elder	48	94	ELECTED
The Rev. Michael Hurst	40	68	

Tabulation of Votes for Standing Committee — Lay (*elect one*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay
Votes Cast – Not Reported		
<u>Necessary to Elect – Not Reported</u>		
Gene Austry	38	63
J.C. Snead	51	103

ELECTED

Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council — Clergy (*elect two*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay
Votes Cast – Not Reported		
<u>Necessary to Elect – Not Reported</u>		
The Rev. Kenneth Brannon	23	43
The Rev. Richard Daly	28	70
The Rev. David Miller	40	74
The Rev. Tom Smith	45	66
The Rev. Keith Turbeville	43	78

BALLOT #2	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast – Not Reported			
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>83</u>	
The Rev. Richard Daly	29	72	
The Rev. David Miller	42	91	
The Rev. Tom Smith	52	80	
The Rev. Keith Turbeville	52	85	ELECTED

BALLOT #3	Clergy	Lay
Votes Cast – Not Reported		
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>79</u>
The Rev. David Miller	42	87
The Rev. Tom Smith	43	70

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BALLOT #4	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast – Not Reported			
<u>Necessary to Elect – Not Reported</u>			
The Rev. David Miller	44	91	ELECTED
The Rev. Tom Smith	43	76	

Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council— Lay (*elect four*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast – Not Reported			
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	45	83	
Micah Belden	35	64	
David Cowling	32	77	
Fred Ellis	52	76	
Rebekah Gardner	67	134	ELECTED
Margot Habiby	43	90	
Matthew Lewis	55	89	ELECTED
Bill Maddox	29	62	
Jim Myckleby	33	62	

Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council— Lay (*elect four*)

BALLOT #2	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast – Not Reported			
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	45	81	
Micah Belden	37	65	
David Cowling	47	75	
Fred Ellis	50	80	
Margot Habiby	45	103	ELECTED

Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council— Lay (*elect four*)

BALLOT #3	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast – Not Reported			
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	44	81	
David Cowling	34	87	
Fred Ellis	53	73	

Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council— Lay (*elect four*)

BALLOT #4	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast – Not Reported			
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	45	83	
David Cowling	39	85	
Fred Ellis	50	79	

Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council— Lay (*elect four*)

BALLOT #5	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast – Not Reported			
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	45	84	
David Cowling	40	77	
Fred Ellis	48	90	ELECTED

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Tabulation of Votes for Trustee, University of the South— Clergy (*elect one*)

BALLOT #1		ALL
Votes Cast – Not Reported		
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>129</u>	
The Rev. Nicholas Funk	147	ELECTED
The Rev. Casey Shobe	110	